

***State Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC)  
on Early Intervention***



***“Promoting Excellence In Early Start”***

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# Interagency Coordinating Council On Early Intervention (ICC)

## **ICC Mission Statement**

The mission of the ICC is to promote and enhance a coordinated family service system for infants and toddlers, ages birth to three years, who have, or are at risk for having, a disability, and their families, utilizing and encouraging a family-centered approach, family-professional partnerships, and interagency collaboration.

## **The History of the ICC**

California has a long history of providing early intervention services to infants and toddlers, ages birth to three years, and their families. In the 1960s and 1970s, special education services for infants and toddlers were provided in public schools and funded through various local, state and federal sources. With the advent of the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act (Lanterman Act) in 1969, California demonstrated its support of young children with prevention and early intervention services for infants with developmental disabilities through the regional center system. This was a huge effort and viewed as a major investment in California's children.

In 1988, the first ICC convened to provide advice and assistance to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) regarding implementation of a coordinated early intervention system in California. In 1993, after five years of state and local planning activities in preparation for full implementation of Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the Governor signed the California Early Intervention Services Act (CEISA: Title 14, Government Code, Section 95000 et seq.) CEISA established state authority to enhance California's early intervention service system to meet the new federal requirements under Part C. CEISA assigned DDS as lead agency in collaboration with California Department of Education (CDE). Other collaborative partners involved in the ICC include Department of Social Services (DSS), Department of Managed Healthcare (DMHC), and First 5 California.

Although the early intervention landscape has changed over the years in California, the ICC has continued to follow, advise, and assist DDS on the state of the early intervention community. The changes have included amendments to CEISA that brought the addition of provision of family support services by Early Start Family Resource Centers (FRC). FRCs provide services such as parent-to-parent support, information dissemination and referral, public awareness, family-professional collaboration activities, and transition for families. CEISA also clarified state coordination and collaboration with families and communities, service coordinator competencies and caseload size, evaluation and assessment, parent rights, referral to local FRCs and monitoring efforts. Lastly, CEISA was amended to clarify that the Part C program is based on existing systems and how regional centers must comply with the Lanterman Act. This includes regulations related to vendorization and rate setting as long as the application of state law does not conflict with early intervention statutes.

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**2019 Interagency Coordinating Council Meeting Dates**

The following is information regarding the 2018 Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Intervention (ICC) Meetings. Unless otherwise noted, meetings will be held at WestEd in Sacramento.\* Directions, parking, and airport shuttle information to WestEd (**1000 G Street, Suite 500, Sacramento, CA 95814**) are included in this notice. Remote connection information available upon request.

Individuals who require accommodations in order to attend the meeting (i.e., assistive listening devices, interpreting services, materials in alternative format) should notify Jessica Dailey-Keithline at (916) 654-2767 or [jessica.dailey@dds.ca.gov](mailto:jessica.dailey@dds.ca.gov) ten days in advance of the meeting. The meeting location is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Visit our website to view [previous ICC meeting minutes](#) and for additional information about [California Early Start](#).

**2019 Quarterly Meeting Dates**

<b><u>January</u></b> Thursday-17 <sup>th</sup> Friday-18 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>April</u></b> Thursday-11 <sup>th</sup> Friday-12 <sup>th</sup>
<b><u>July</u></b> Thursday-18 <sup>th</sup> Friday-19 <sup>th</sup> <i>*Los Angeles</i>	<b><u>October</u></b> Thursday-17 <sup>th</sup> Friday-18 <sup>th</sup>

**PROPOSED AGENDA (EXAMPLE)**

**DATE: Thursdays**  
**TIME: 10:00 A.M.—4:00 P.M.**

**Day One Meeting**

The meeting will include:

- Review of previous Meeting Minutes
- Review of Agenda
- Review of previous meetings' tasks
- Announcements
- State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) updates
- Improving State Systems and Communication & Outreach Committees

**DATE: Fridays**  
**TIME: 9:00 A.M.—1:00 P.M.**

**Day Two Meeting**

The meeting will include:

- Review of Agenda
- Committee reports
- Action items (as applicable)
- Reports from the State Department Representatives
- Public and parent input  
**15 minutes reserved from 10-10:15 a.m.**
- Early Intervention presentation

**2019 ICC Meeting  
July 18-19, 2019  
Travel Information**

***Please see the complete travel packet for further instructions.***

**Meeting Location:**

**South Central Los Angeles Regional Center  
2500 S. Western Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90018**

**Lodging Information:**

**ICC participants who are eligible for reimbursement can make hotel reservations through the CalTravelStore, at <http://www.caltravelstore.com> or (877) 454-8785.** Agents are available between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pacific Time, Monday through Friday.

Many hotel options are available in the area. The following are a list of a few hotels that offer the state rate located within the vicinity of South Central Los Angeles Regional Center.

Holiday Inn Los Angeles  
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Hyatt Regency Los Angeles International Airport  
6225 W Century Blvd,  
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The L.A. Grand Hotel Downtown  
333 S Figueroa St  
Los Angeles, CA 90071  
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**Parking**

SCLARC's parking structure is located on Hobart Street. A parking attendant will be on duty. Each guest will take a parking ticket at the entrance and park in the designated visitor parking. All guests will be validated.



**Super Shuttle:**

Participants can make Super Shuttle reservations by calling 1-800-BLUE-VAN. Super Shuttle is located directly outside the baggage claim area at each terminal. Reservations are not required for large parties or private charters.

**Uber and/or Lyft:**

Participants can make Uber and/or Lyft reservations by going online to <https://www.uber.com> and/or <https://www.lyft.com>.

***For further information, please see the complete travel packet.***

**Thursday Meeting:****Instructions for joining remotely for the ICC Meeting**

For those who cannot participate in person, the ICC Meetings will be offered in a webinar format. You are invited to attend a WebEx meeting. Participants need to call into the teleconference line **AND** login with a computer to view any online materials.

**To Connect with Audio:**

Dial Toll-Free Number (in USA). Dial in #: **will be provided via email**  
Meeting ID: **will be provided via email within the Outlook meeting request**

**To Connect with Web:**

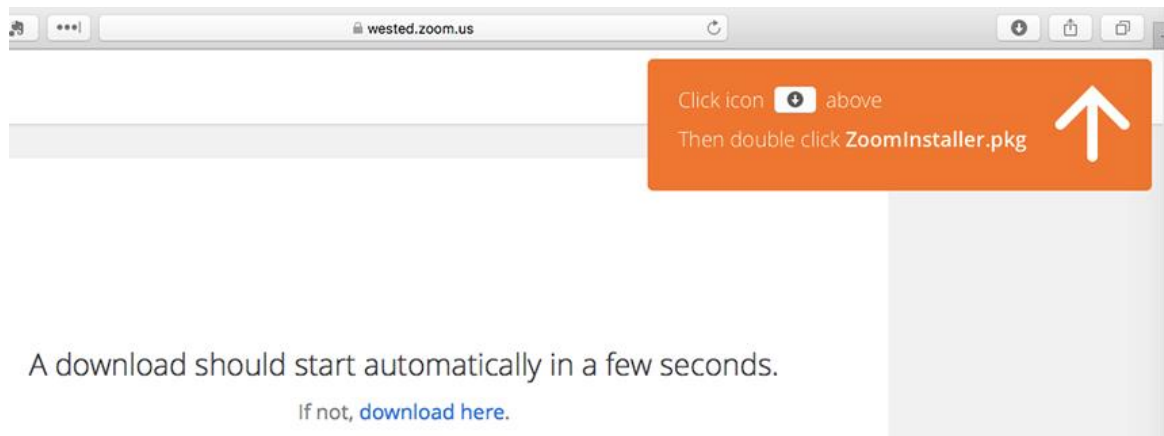
Day One info: **will be provided via email within the Outlook meeting request**

**Join Zoom from a link (from email or calendar)**

The best way to join a scheduled meeting is by clicking the link you were provided when you either scheduled it or were invited to it (from email, calendar invitation, etc.).

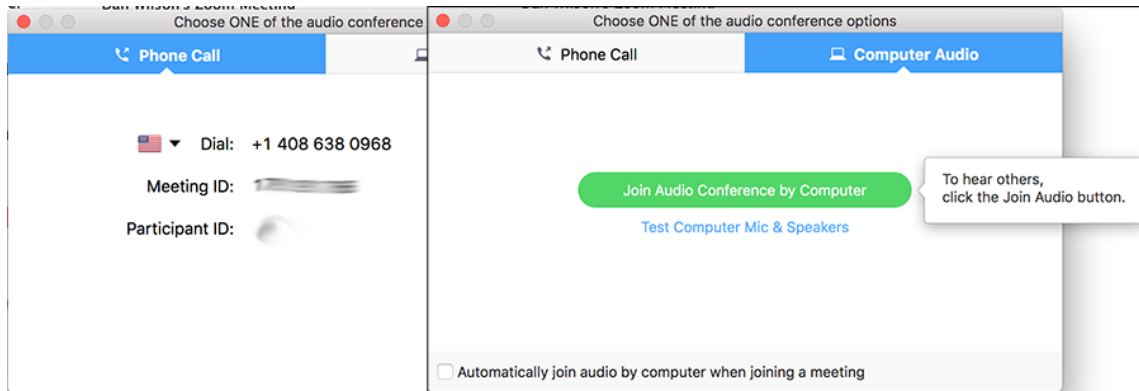
The link will launch Zoom and place you in the conference. This is true for all staff, as well as non-staff.

If you do not have the app, your browser will download the installer and prompt you to run it. Once the installer has run, it will ask for your name and then take you into the meeting.



## Connect audio

Choose the **Join Audio Conference by Phone Call tab** and dial in using the provided information.



## **Friday Meeting:**

### **Instructions for joining remotely for the ICC Meeting**

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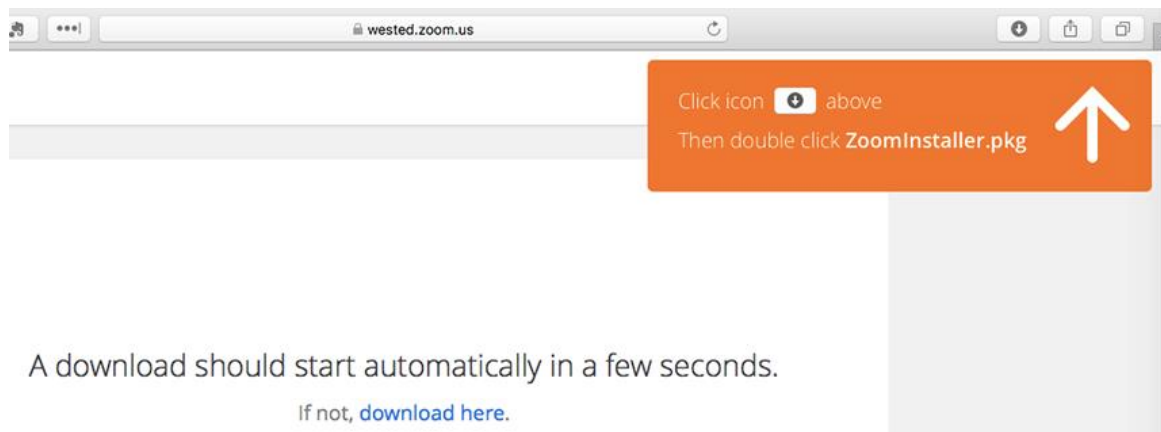
Day Two info: **will be provided via email within the Outlook meeting request**

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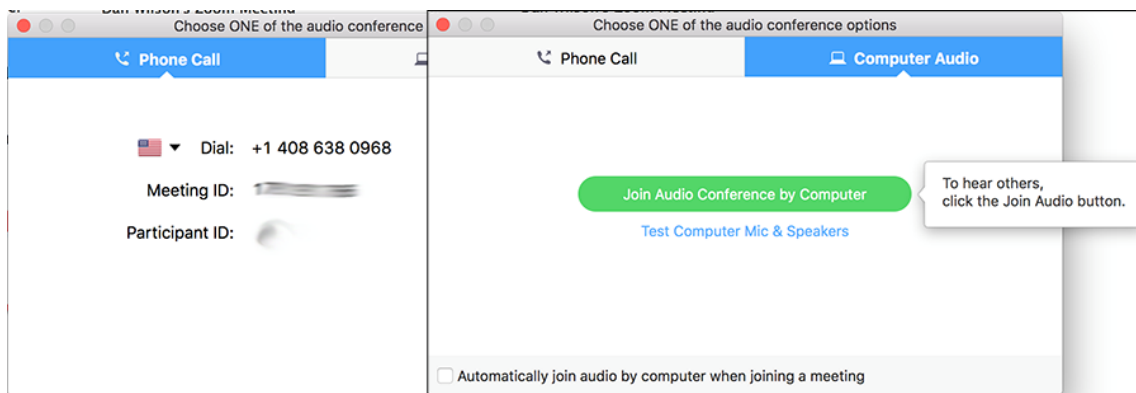
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## **Easy Tips for Successful Web Conferencing and Conference Calls\***

### **Participant Courtesies**

1. Use a landline if possible for the least static interference.
2. Avoid cellular and cordless phones. The potential static and poor or broken connections reduce the sound quality for all conference call participants. If you must use a cell phone, find a quiet location with excellent reception and limit moving around during the call.
3. Know your phone features and how to use them. Do not wait until the call to figure them out.
4. Turn off call waiting. It is very disruptive to the call. Most call waiting features can be deactivated by pressing 70# or \*70 before dialing the conference number. (Check with your carrier.)
5. Use the speaker feature on your phone only if the room is quiet and others in the room are participating on the call with you. Speakerphones can add to the overall noise of the teleconference and create a hollow sound on the call.
6. Choose a quiet location. Avoid background noises such as a radio, TV, pets, or side conversations with others.
7. Stay focused and participate on the call. Avoid using this time to answer email, eat, clear off your desk, file papers, or talk to others.
8. Be on time.
9. Introduce yourself when you join the call. If you join the call late, wait for a break in the conversation to announce that you have joined or until the moderator asks who joined.
10. Introduce yourself each time you speak. Not everyone will be familiar with your voice.
11. Mute your phone (\*6) if you are not participating at the time, need to talk to someone else, or need to leave the call for any reason. Unmute your phone (#6) when you are able to return to the call.
12. Never put the call on hold. Either mute your phone (\*6) and unmute your phone (#6) to rejoin, or hang up and call in again if you must leave the call.

### **Facilitator/Chairperson Courtesies**

1. Be familiar with the audio controls.
2. Start—and end—at the scheduled time.
3. Have an agenda—preferably one that has been distributed prior to the conference.
4. Identify yourself when you first connect to the conference call.
5. Identify yourself each time you speak. Others may not know your voice. Speak clearly and at a moderate speed.
6. Take roll call at the conference start so that everyone knows who is involved and listening.
7. Review the rules of etiquette and ask that each participant identify him or herself before speaking.
8. Allow only one individual to speak at any given time during the conference.
9. As much as possible, when appropriate, address questions to individuals by name.
10. Mute the microphone or speakerphone (\*6) if you must speak to others in the room with you during the conference. Unmute by pressing #6.
11. Address agenda items in their specified order.

\*Thank you to the Family Resource Center Network of California, the source for many of these tips, for sharing its teleconference etiquette.

**July 18–19, 2019**

**AGENDAS**

<b>ICC Meeting Agenda (Day One)</b>		<b>Date: Thursday, July 18, 2019</b> <b>Time: 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.</b> <b>Room: Golden State Mutual Building Auditorium</b>
<b>AGENDA ITEMS</b>		<b>RESPONSIBILITY</b>
10:00-10:45	Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome</li> <li>• Introductions/Roll Call</li> <li>• Approval of April 11-12, 2019 Minutes</li> <li>• Review Agenda</li> <li>• Announcements</li> <li>• Part C Literacy-Societal Costs of Untreated Perinatal Mood and Anxiety Disorders in the United States</li> </ul>	Marie Kanne Poulsen, ICC Chair
10:45-11:00	DDS Update	Sharon DeRego
11:00-12:15	Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders: The unrecognized 5% of us with this complex disability	Kathryn Page, President, FASD NorCal
12:15—1:30 Lunch (attendee discretion)		
1:30-4:00	Committee Meetings <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Improving State Systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foster Care Subgroup</li> <li>• Insurance Subgroup</li> <li>• Family Navigation of Systems Subgroup</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Communication &amp; Outreach</li> </ol>	All



<b>ICC Meeting Agenda (Day Two)</b>		<b>Date: Friday July 19, 2019</b> <b>Time: 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.</b> <b>Room: Golden State Mutual Building Auditorium</b>
<b>AGENDA ITEMS</b>		<b>RESPONSIBILITY</b>
9:00—9:30	Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome</li> <li>• Introductions/Roll Call</li> <li>• Review Agenda</li> </ul>	Marie Kanne Poulsen, ICC Chair
9:30—10:00	Committee Reports <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Improving State Systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foster Care Subgroup</li> <li>• Insurance Subgroup</li> <li>• Family Navigation of Systems Subgroup</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Communication &amp; Outreach</li> </ol>	Committee Chairs
10:00—10:30	Public Input	Marie Kanne Poulsen
10:30—10:50	Voices from the Field <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zero to Three</li> <li>• Statewide Screening Task Force</li> <li>• Infant Development Association of California</li> <li>• First 5 Association</li> <li>• The Arc</li> </ul>	Christina Nigrelli Karen Moran Finello Fran Chasen Heather Little Teresa Anderson
10:50—11:00	Family Resource Center Network of California (FRCNA)—Report	Yvette Baptiste
11:00—11:30	Department and Council Member Reports Representatives will provide a summary and allow for discussion, questions and answers	Jim Knight, Dept. of Developmental Services Sheila Self, California Dept. of Education (CDE), Special Education Leanne Wheeler, CDE, Homeless Education Mary Sheppard, Dept. of Social Services Kim Johnson, Dept. of Social Services Suzanne Sherinian, Dept. of Managed Health Care Richard Olney, Dept. of Public Health Julie A. Taylor Souliere, CHHS Child Mental Health Michelle Dove, Head Start Agency
11:30—1:00	Maternal Mental Health	Gabrielle Kaufman, Clinical Director, Maternal Mental Health Now

**April 11–12, 2019**

**Past Meeting Minutes**

**State Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Intervention  
Day One Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, April 11, 2019  
WestEd  
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

## **Opening**

Dr. Marie Kanne Poulsen called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Introductions and Roll Call were conducted.

The January 2019 Meeting Minutes were approved.

The Council reviewed the Agenda, which was approved.

Karen Moran Finello announced the availability of a Department of Health Care Services [Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment audit report](#). The report identifies barriers and recommends solutions to ensuring access to preventive care for children covered under Medi-Cal.

The following Part C Literacy resources were shared during the meeting:

- [Supporting the Physical and Mental Health of New and Expectant Black Mothers](#)
  - Dr. Poulsen provided information on Black Maternal Health Week, the goal being to increase awareness regarding the state of Black Maternal Health in the United States and the root causes of health inequities and poor maternal health outcomes amongst Black women.
- [Governor's Proposals for Infants and Toddlers With Special Needs](#) authored by the Legislative Analyst's Office, this publication describes, assesses, and offers recommendations for proposals from the Governor related to early intervention.

## **The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Update**

Emily Woolford provided the DDS update.

- The Annual Performance Report was submitted to Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) in early February.
- The department expects to receive its determination from OSEP in June.
- The Public Comment Period for California's Part C Grant Application ends on April 30<sup>th</sup>.
- The Part C Grant Application is due May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- The Early Start Partners Symposium will take place in San Diego on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. The brochure, which lists general and breakout sessions, can be found on the Early Start Neighborhood.
- The State Systemic Improvement Plan Phase III, Year 3 Report has been submitted to OSEP and will be posted on the DDS website.

## **Strategic Planning Discussion**

Douglas Erber opened the discussion.

- Ardith Ferguson (WestEd) is going to facilitate the strategic planning activities at the meeting in October.
- The Council was asked to list their top 3 goals/issues that impact infants, toddlers, and their families.
- A task force is needed to follow up on the doable ideas that result from the strategic planning meeting.
- One priority of the Council is to secure active representation from the legislature to the Council to build a relationship with key legislators in order to enact change to support early intervention services and cross-sector support for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families. Teresa Anderson and Marty Omoto offered to facilitate an appointment concerning legislative members.

## **Coaching Model vs Traditional Medical Model**

Howard Doi from San Andreas Regional Center provided a presentation:

### [Coaching vs. The Traditional Medical Model](#)

- Coaching is a relationship-based process that is used to improve existing skills, develop new skills, and build the competence and confidence of the family to achieve desired or intended outcomes.
- The Coaching Model is favored over the Traditional Medical Model for early intervention.
- Joint planning, observation, action/practice, reflection, and feedback are important for coaching.

The Council meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

## **Committee Meetings**

The Improving State Systems Committee and Communication and Outreach Committee meetings commenced at 1:30 p.m.

The committee meetings adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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Howard Doi  
Bridgette Hankerson (on phone)  
Sarah Leff  
Angela McGuire  
Sharna Martin  
Lenell Ordanza  
Shirley Shelton  
Sharon Zone

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**State Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Intervention  
Day Two Meeting Minutes  
Friday, April 12, 2019  
WestEd  
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

## **Opening**

Dr. Marie Kanne Poulsen called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Introductions and Roll Call were conducted.

The Council reviewed the Agenda, which was approved.

Michelle Oliver announced that the Infant Development Association conference will take place in San Jose on September 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. More information is available at: <https://www.idaofcal.org/>.

Sheri Rosen (Sunny Days of California) announced that the book *Babies Do Amazing Things: A Picture Guide to Development*, has been published and is a great parenting resource.

Heather Little announced that the First 5 Association is having Advocacy Day on April 30<sup>th</sup> and that more information is available on [their website](#).

Patricia Salcedo announced that the California Chapter of the [Division for Early Childhood](#) of the Council for Exceptional Children has been revitalized and is recruiting new members.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Improving State Systems Committee**

#### **Foster Care Subgroup**

- Sharon DeRego, DDS, provided the report. The Subgroup discussed the challenge of getting Early Start services to children in foster care. A survey will be put together to collect more data about these challenges. These surveys will be developed for regional centers and local educational agencies (LEAs). Each county varies in terms of who can sign for consent, and there is a need to formalize this process.

#### **Insurance Subgroup**

- Libby Woolford provided the report. The Subgroup has created a 10-question survey available in English and Spanish. This survey intends to gather information for analysis on how insurance has impacted services and whether or not people are getting services in an adequate, timely manner. There are currently 284 responses. The Subgroup would like to disseminate the survey

once again. The intent is to have a presentation ready and to discuss next steps on how to utilize the survey responses at the July meeting.

#### Family Navigation of Systems Subgroup

- Yvette Baptiste provided the report. The Subgroup has been working on an infographic representation of the Early Start system to communicate this information to parents. The biggest challenge in creating this image is how to successfully represent the numerous resources available in the community.
- The [California MAP to Inclusion and Belonging website](#) implements a system that lists service agencies by county within the state, and it was suggested that this type of format should be utilized for Early Start. The question was raised on how to link this web resource to other websites. A concern was brought up on the accessibility of web resources and the proper search terms to use for those who may not be familiar with early intervention services or the Early Start program.

#### Communication & Outreach Committee

- The Committee plans to release a demographic survey in order to analyze the makeup of the ICC and to start a conversation about how to bring forth more diversity.
- The Committee is planning to survey the workforce to identify the critical issues and focus of the upcoming strategic planning meeting.
- The Committee grouped and consolidated ideas from the brainstorming session, in which issues impacting infants, toddlers, and their families were identified.
- Ardith Ferguson (WestEd) will facilitate the strategic planning meeting. The Committee will work with Ms. Ferguson to plan the agenda topics.

#### Public Input

No public comment was received. However, the council brought forth questions, issues, and concerns from their organizations. The Council discussed disparity issues and access issues. They discussed the need for more clarity about who is able to access the Medicaid waiver in Early Start. There was conversation about the observation that families have different experiences within different Regional Center catchment areas.

The Council discussed how referrals to FRCs vary by Regional Center. There are families who are immediately referred to a FRC and those who are not. Some FRCs do not get referrals from their Regional Centers. Asked if referral to the FRC is required under CEISA, the Council members replied that it is not required, but considered a recommended practice.

Transition was raised as an issue and there was discussion regarding outcomes for children who “graduate” from Early Start and transition into the school system as ineligible for special education (IDEA Part B).



The Council discussed that children are eligible for the “at-risk” category if they have a parent with a developmental disability (eligible for regional center services under the Lanterman Act). Council members suggested that more in-depth data should be collected on children who are receiving Early Start services because their parents have developmental disabilities, and that this should be added to the list of strategic plan issues.

## **Voices from the Field**

### **Statewide Screening Collaborative**

The Statewide Screening Collaborative met on April 5 and Rebecca Hernandez, Program Manager of Orange County Help Me Grow, did a presentation on the Orange County Screening Registry. Her PowerPoint will be available on the Resource page of the State Screening website, at <https://www.cascreenbto5.org>, within the next month.

Information about Proposition 56 was shared with Collaborative members prior to the meeting and Dr. Lisa Albers provided an overview of Department of Health Care Services’ (DHCS) work on Prop 56. Members of the Screening Collaborative have worked on several specific projects, including county by county mapping of available Medi-Cal funded infant, family and early childhood mental health services; a survey of feedback loops to referral sources from regional center Early Start programs; an informational blurb about developmental screening; the California Screening website; and newsletters. Leadership from the Collaborative will be meeting to determine one or two key priorities for their work during the next 6-8 months. It is likely that workforce issues will be among their priorities, as there are significant concerns regarding the availability of resources and services to meet the needs of young children who are identified through developmental, behavioral, and trauma screening.

### **Infant Development Association of California**

Fran Chasen will provide an update regarding the rate study at a later time.

### **First 5 Association**

In February, the First 5 Association launched the [Strong Start Index](#), a database that records birth data starting from the year 2016. Rather than looking at risk factors, this data looks at social determinants of health. The site tracks every recorded birth in California, and can track births by zip code. This allows for targeted conversations about accessibility at a local community level. Every year this birth data will be updated.

### **The Arc**

The Arc has been focusing on the DDS vendor rate study, which showed that the system would need \$1.8 billion to be adequately funded. The rate study was given to the Legislature in March and last Friday was the last day of public comment, but the Legislature still needs to review it and decide what will be implemented. The Arc has heard from its members who have expressed great concern around infant and child development programs and reported that providers will see decreases in funding even though they are already underfunded. Many of the advocates are asking the

Legislature for an 8% down payment as part of the rate study for the budget. May 2<sup>nd</sup> is the next budget hearing. May 9<sup>th</sup> is the hearing specific to the rate study. The rate study can be accessed on the [Department of Developmental Services website](#).

### **Family Resource Center Network of California (FRCNCA) Report**

The FRCNCA is currently planning activities for the next 5 years and would like to invite Early Start members at the table to increase partnership locally and statewide. The FRCNCA held a staff training this quarter for Early Start to increase the capacity of the FRCs. Karen Ortega is new Early Start Director. Photos from an FRC Holi celebration were shared.

### **Department and Council Member Reports**

#### **Department of Social Services (DSS)**

The California Department of Education was awarded a preschool development grant. DSS will look more into early childhood inclusion by the end of the year and identify areas to focus on for the grant. DSS has launched a home visiting initiative which will hopefully lead to more referrals. The governor's budget plans to include another year of implementation for this program.

In the Zero to Five Division, the Early Preventive Intervention for Children (EPIC) Unit is looking at data and analyzing how to infuse findings and recommendations into the child welfare system. Child neglect research is also underway and will be published in the fall of this year with a focus on the zero to five population. DSS is looking to focus on trauma informed care. DSS continues to work with the California Department of Public Health on the Essentials for Childhood Care grant. The Office of Child Abuse Prevention recently awarded resiliency grants that target pregnancies and mothers affected by substance abuse. These grants are expected to be fully executed by July of this year.

#### **California Department of Education (CDE)**

There is a grant that has been awarded to county offices of education to assess and broker inclusive settings for children with disabilities. CDE has an upcoming budget of \$167 million that is going to be available for facilities, back up equipment, and professional development for professionals working with the birth to five population. The focus of these initiatives is to ensure that children with disabilities will be included in early learning and care. There is some data showing that it is pretty typical for children with speech and language delays to be accepted into early care and learning settings, but that children with multiple and more complicated disabilities are considered more of a challenge and are sometimes not accepted into programs. An upcoming \$245 million will be coming from the Governor's office for non-Local Education Agency (LEA) associated subsidized care systems. The \$167 million is specific to LEAs. The CDE is trying to build infrastructure and enhance the variety of educational settings for children when they turn three.

**Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC)**

The DMHC recently hired a second independent medical review organization. Another independent group from New York was hired as well. The Disability Advisory Committee just hosted two speakers from the UC Davis MIND Institute for Autism Awareness Month. These speakers gave presentations to the DMHC on the standard care for autism from infancy to adulthood. The DMHC is also figuring out how to make the most out of their limited resources to educate people about the department and is conducting outreach via providers.

**Department of Public Health**

Dr. Mark Ghaly just started this week as the new California Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary. The Department of Public Health had a meeting on March 5<sup>th</sup> on children and youth with special health care needs to plan strategies for the future of Title 5 efforts, and mental health is a top priority.

**Head Start Agency**

Dr. Deborah Bergeron, Director of the Office of Head Start, has put a homeless campaign together to compare homeless numbers across the nation. Different departments have created modules for Head Start staff in order to create innovations on how to connect better with the homeless in communities. Dr. Bergeron also visited with *Sesame Street* for episodes dealing with homelessness.

**Black Infant Health (BIH) Program**

Shirley Shelton, California Department of Public Health, shared a PowerPoint presentation on [The Black Infant Health Program](#). Infant and maternal mortality data was discussed, along with how the BIH Program addresses Black/White disparities in birth outcomes. BIH program services were highlighted, including the [Perinatal Equity Initiative](#).

The Council meeting adjourned at 12:34 p.m.

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